MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Interesting Proceedings of the Common Council.

THE TAXES OF THE CITY.

The Office of Chief of Police Declared Vacant by the Board of Aldermen.

MAYOR WOOD'S MESSAGE ON THE RUSS PAVEMENT.

PHE POLICE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE AND TERIR REPORT—THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE DE-CLARED VACANT BY A VOTE OF THE BOARD. This Board met at the usual hour yesterday afternoon,

these nen come from who want us to vote him out of diffee. I want to know something about their pedigree understand that a caucus has been already formed, and sected to turn him out, although I believe Ald. fucker will repent the action he intends to take.

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Alderman W. Tuckus said that he should vote for his expulsion.

Alderman Rugges expressed his intention also to vote for the resolution, and his belief that the Chief was an alien. He had been furnished with every opportunity to sprove that he was not, and yet he failed to do so. Any one who has read the evidence must come to that conclusion also. He (Matsell) had done all that he could do to procure the passage of a law making the office of Chief of Folice a life office. Even U Legislature was ruled by him, and the mayors were under his control, and he would continue to do so had he mot found in the present incumbent a brase. His clerk—McKellar—had performed the duties of his office while he exceuted those of the chief magistrate of the city maked him, continued Alderman B., to report in regard to the number of foreigners in the Folice Popartment, but the number of foreigners in the Folice Popartment, but the number of foreigners in the Folice Popartment, but the number of foreigners in the Folice Popartment, but the stated of doing so, he told a lie, when he reported that majority of the police were Americans. He did not give correct returns as to all the wards.

Alderman Bugges—Lfound that he did not report foreigners who had been guilty of the foulest and most belienous crimes. Is it possible that any man in this Board will vote for his retention in office who has read the report of the committee? Has he not sold the stolen property deposited in his office, and if he did not, what use did he make of it? We kin at that any stelen property that goes in there occur chaos out except by the back way. Let us break up the vite evetem and put a man in the office who is honest and worthy of the public confidence.

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Anderman Lonn—My knowledge of the fact comes from the asseverations of several members of this Board, and the Alderman of the thirteenth has said it was a settled thing. How does this question arise? The resolution destars that he shall be removed; but has any proof of crime been proved spairst him? "Perjury," say one of my friends. I deny it. I admit that there have been is timations of perjury, and I admit they have been as artially thrown out as to deceive the most vigilant; but the proof is entirely wanting. It has been stated that he swore he was born in this country; but you will perceive that he only swore that it was his mother who informed him he was a native of the United States. Now, no proof has been brought forward against the truth of his statement in this particular. Why, the charge of perjury is as absurd and idiculeus as the matters related in this report. I was at a less to consider what the secret of this constaught reported that a larger number of Americans were in pewer than really were, and this is what all this terrible tempent in a teapot is all about. There is no consideration of public utility which would justify us in expending the time or the momey lavished upon the investigation not this sobject. In regard to the alleged Brandon register, which it was said contained the record of the birth of several of the members of the Matcell family—procured by Mr. Branch, the author of an increasing production on worms—it would be entirely value cess in a court of law. The mere fact that a copy of that record was shown to Mr. Theodore Sedgwick was also of no consequence, as it could not be taken as a proof of the authenticity of that record, or that it was really taken as alleged, from the Beandon register, his has a proof of the authenticity of that record, or that it was really taken as alleged, from the Beandon register. In conclusion, Mr. Lord contended that the Beand of Ald

ard assembled at their chambers in the City evening, the President, D. D. Cenover, in the

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ent for the year 1855, beyond the appropriations for the ureaux of Cleaning Streets, and Lamps and Gas, to be dided to the heavy burdens of 1856, bees arrear ages amount to the sum of 2108,455 76. The estimates for the coming year, in this department, are also greatly increased beyond ary former year. For the Bureau of Lamps and Gas, the Commissioner calls for an appropriation of ... \$401,667 ureau of Cleaning Streets. \$280,221

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VI. SURBOGATE,
Statement No. 6 is an estimate of the Surrogate, of the
um required for the support of his onlice for 1859. Thotal is \$12,000. The Surrogate pays into the treasury
rum feer, a sum which, on the average, is more that
equal to that drawn from it, for the maintenance of his

Statement No. 8 is an estimate furni shed by the Cierk of the Court of the amount required for the salaries of the Judges of the Court of Common Pless, and of the cierk appointed under the act, chapter 198, of the laws of 1854, and the officers of said court:—

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Total XXI. SALARIES.

Statement No. 21 is a list of the numerous officers, clerks of the city government, who are paid directly from the Treasury, under the head of salaries, together with the amount paid to each. This statement covers only a portion of the smounts annually paid to individuals for their services.

The total sum embraced in statement No. 21 is \$364,000 The amount raised to pay police.

Salaries paid by Alms House department. 120,900 if Board of Education.

478,000 Coroners' fees.

Making a total of

VIDAUBRI'S POSITION—

embittered struggle still in progress and constantly increasing between the two wings of the liberal party—the moderades and the pures.

Senor Comenfort, the most eminent public man in Mexico, after Alvaser, is a moderade, most of his collesgues in the Cabinet are pures. The President is neither one nor the other. Pristo, Minister of Finance, as the most prominent representative of the pures, has been at daggar's point with Comonfort. The latter was determined to resign, if the former remained in office, and rice terse. Alvarex, badgered and bothered by this intestine fend, refused to part with either. This little comedy has been renewed half a dozen times at least. At this present writing Mr. Pricto has actually resigned, and I am utterly unable to say whether it will be accepted or declined.

Scane weeks ago, when the effice of Minister of Finance became vacant by the resignation of Melchior Cesmon, twelve days elapsed are any one could be found willing to essume its cares and responsibilities. Senor Arrivis was at length induced to serve, after the post land son refused by no less than five public men. Thus far we have had no Minister of the Interior.

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Political Intelligence.

THE MISSOURI SENATORS.

[Correspondence of the St. Louis Republican.]

It is now well understood here that there wa's a priject on foot smoog a portion of the Benton men and ce tain whigs to elect two Senators this session, one whom was to be Benton, and the other a whig. A paper was gotten up and signed by some whigs who are know here. That paper was seen and was offered to some whige, who, it was thought, might foss, and who refuse to sign it. There were cortain leading whige manes at inched to it, and they could be named upon the best at thosity. Where the paper now is, is not known, but the proposition received so little favor that it fell to the ground like dead weight. Mr. Wilson, whose name we mentioned in a former despatch, has never countries the best significant to the first called upon this moraing it be senate, to make an explanation, by construing the Senate, to make an explanation, by construing the despatch as having made him a party to the fusion This was not intended, and his name was mentioned one of the public men talked of, who might be available in case the project succeeded. Mr. Wilson, denied, the moraing, in the most emphasic terms, that he ser was or could be a party to such a transaction, and repudiate monthing, in the most emphasite terms, that he ever was or could be a party to such a transaction, and repudiate in a fision with either of the wings—contented stand, through weal and woe, upon the old whip platfor. The main file of the whige are all right upon this que tion and will not be seduced into any such alliance. It safe to say there will be no fusion and no election. The paper that was circulated hat eleven whig names upon it and it is fair to presume that this was the extent. The paper that was circulated hat eleven whig names upon it and it is fair to presume that this was the extent. The paper that was circulated hat eleven whig names upon it and it is fair to

passengers, nominating Millard Fillmore as their first an only choice for the Precidency.

On the 24th ult. Mr. Peter Connifee, of Pawtucket Mass., died of hydrophobia, after terrible suffering About seven weeks previously be was bitten elightly bit own deg. His wife was bitten about the same time by the dog and the must, of course, be under the mospainful apprehensions as to the result.

The laws of Delaware punish with severity all manus of cime. A man named Laborious has just been convicted at Wilmington of horse stealing, and sentenced to restore to the owner \$250, to pay a fine of \$100 to the State, to stand in the pillary one hour, and be whipped with twenty lashes. The same man has also been convicted of larceny, for which the sentence is to be whipped with five lashes, to be imprisoned one day after the expiration of his sentence in the former case, to result \$344-50, and to wear a convict's jacket six months an pay the costs.

Wm. Nottingham, of Bates county, Missouri, convicts and sentenced to be hung for the murder of his wife, we executed at Pappinville on the 23d ult. A very larg number of persons witnessed the awful scene. Notting ham made a confusation, and acknowledged to the criter which he was charged. He was a doctor by prote sion, and was a very intellectual man.

There is a statute in Indiana which prevents the test mony of a negro from being received in the centre. This disability, just now, gives the negro the monopoly of the carrying trade in liquor in that State. As they cann be made witnesses, the liquor dealers are not afraid to see the prohibited article.